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SEPARATOR, REACTOR, AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING AROMATIC  
CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

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**ELECTION OF INVENTION**

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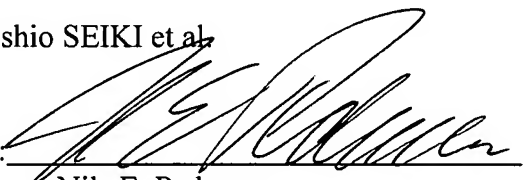
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 29, 2007, Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. patent application hereby elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-3. An early and favorable on the merits is requested.

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